

BUSINESS STOPS WHILE TRIAL IS ON

Litigation Over Sale of Cow Causes Excitement in Lancaster.

AMOUNT INVOLVED IS \$5.00

Three Justices of Peace Preside, and Same Number of Attorneys Employed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lancaster, Va., December 8.—The trial of a case in a magistrate court during the past week excited unusual interest. The case arose from the sale of a cow by a resident of Northumberland to a resident of Lancaster. During the trial of the case all the business houses of the village were closed, the Board of Supervisors, who were in session at the time, adjourned and the large courtroom was filled with interested spectators. Three justices of the peace sat in the trial and three attorneys were employed, though only one took part in the case, which was decided in favor of the resident of Lancaster. The amount in dispute was \$5.

One night last week an unknown person set fire to a dwelling house at Millenbeck, near the mouth of the Corotoman River. The fire was discovered near midnight by H. M. Doggett, who was on his way to the wharf. He managed to put it out before much damage had been done. The floor of the back porch had been saturated with coal oil. The house, which was unoccupied at the time, had recently been repaired for R. E. Norris, who, with his family, had intended to occupy it about the end of December. No clue has yet been found leading to the incendiary.

Robert Jenkins, a well-known citizen of Westminister, while unloading railroad ties near Foneswood, in that county, had one of his legs broken below the knee by letting a tie fall on it.

General John C. Ewell, formerly judge of the County Court of Lancaster and Northumberland, and past commander of the Virginia Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans, is reported to be critically ill at his home near Bertrand, on the Corotoman River.

Oysters in all the rivers and coves of this section are reported to be abundant, and in excellent condition, but so far the demand for them is small and prices low. Shippers have been getting from 20 to 35 cents a bushel, according to quality. It is expected that the approach of the Christmas season and colder weather will increase both the demand and the price.

The news that a charter has been issued to a corporation to build a road from Old Point Comfort to Tappahannock, where it is to connect with the proposed Northern Neck Railroad, has revived the fainting hopes of some people of this section that a railroad may be built in some far-off age to connect this favored region with the outside world. Most people, however, are inclined to believe that it will be

FRAZIER IS MAKING HARD FIGHT FOR LIFE

He Wins Two Strong Points in Trial for Causing Death of Wife—Deathbed Statement Is Thrown Out.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Harrisonburg, Va., December 8.—Joseph Frazier, the Island Ford man, who is being tried in the Circuit Court here for the alleged murder of his wife, appears to be gaining ground, and unless the prosecution has some strong card yet to be played, it will be hard to make a case against him. Court adjourned last night until Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Frazier's record is against him. He is a typical mountaineer, who was in court a year or two ago for mistreating his wife. The most intense feeling exists in the neighborhood against him, and his own children are divided against him. It has been pretty clearly established that he was brutal to his wife, but whether it can be proved that the woman's death was the result of his mistreatment is doubtful.

The Frazier family lives in the Blue Ridge section, where the Episcopal mission work, both with churches and school, is beginning to soften and civilize. Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt recently contributed \$150 towards the mountain work. Five of the small Frazier children are being cared for by the mission since the death of Mrs. Frazier and the arrest of her husband.

Prater made his first gain when a court threw out the alleged deathbed testimony of Frazier's wife, who, several witnesses testify, told of her husband's alleged brutality, and said that he had caused her death.

His second point was gained last Saturday afternoon when the defense put several physicians, two undertakers and other persons on the witness stand, all of whom testified that there were no marks or bruises on the disfigured body when they examined the corpse on November 3—a month after his death.

This point was clinched apparently

when Dr. Hammer and Undertaker Hawkins, both of McGaheysville, testified that they were acquainted with Mrs. Frazier and were absolutely certain that the right body was disinterred and examined. Dr. Hammer said that he attended the other woman, who was buried next to Mrs. Frazier, and that he knew both women, and was sure that no mistake was made. The defense anticipated the prosecution on this point, and it looks as if the "wrong body theory" was knocked out.

Frazier's lawyers are working to discredit the prisoner's sixteen-year-old boy, Louis Frazier, who boldly declared that his father beat and mistreated his mother and then tried to bribe him with a suit of clothes to keep quiet.

A dozen witnesses have been brought forward in the effort to break down Louis's testimony. Little Ike, the nine-year-old brother, who is standing by his father, declares that Louis and his father were at odds, because "Daddy" had whipped Louis for stealing. Little Ike told of numerous troubles between "Daddy" and Louis. Other witnesses testified against Louis, the presence of these little mountain children and their conflicting stories is pathetic in the extreme. Ike and his little sister, Addie, are in Harrisonburg for the first time in their lives. They had never heard of moving pictures, and when somebody took them to the picture house last night they were bewildered and amazed. The little girl is thirteen years old, but very simple and childish. The father, dressed in his rough mountain clothes, no collar, his hair disheveled, his face bearing a meaningless expression, is the object of much comment.

Mountaineers and prejudices are so entangled and interwoven that the jury has a hard task solving the case.

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Mrs. Frantz Naylor and Little Miss Jean Naylor, of Cambridge, Md., are guests of Mrs. D. R. Midyette.

Mrs. J. Pinkney Wightman, who has been visiting relatives in Baltimore, has returned home.

James Swift, of Kentucky, has joined Mrs. Swift and children, who are visiting his mother, Mrs. Mattie Swift.

The Christmas sale held Saturday by the women of the Ashland Church was a decided success, about \$40 being realized.

A. F. Steagor, of Danville, an old Randolph-Macon man, was here this week visiting on the campus.

Mrs. J. Wintre Smith and Mrs. J. Watkins Lee, of Richmond, spent Friday and Saturday with friends here.

Miss Elizabeth Trevillian, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Best, of Warsaw, N. C., will return next week.

Paul Blincoe, of Norfolk, is here for the week-end with his sisters, Misses Blincoe.

Miss Madge Chisholm, of Birmingham, Ala., who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Bernard Guest, in Richmond, is spending the week-end with Miss Stuart Blanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Montague, Jr., of Richmond, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Blanton.

Miss Julia Lorain, of Richmond, was visiting friends here to-day.

PINE CAMP SENDS APPEAL FOR AID

Would Enlarge Work for Indigent Consumptives of Richmond.

MAY TAKE INCIPENT CASES

Work Heretofore Limited to Removing Advanced Cases From Bad Environment.

In a general appeal for assistance issued yesterday, the Tuberculosis Camp Society of Virginia outlines its plans for extending the work of Pine Camp in the treatment of indigent consumptives. The report quotes many authorities to show that the control of tuberculosis is the most serious sanitary problem before the cities of this country. "For every consumptive at Pine Camp there is one 1-32 focus of disease in the city," writes Chief Health Officer Levy in a letter endorsing the work of the association.

The society was founded in 1909 and has now had its camp on city property, about two miles north of Glinter Park, in operation for more than two years. It is the only institution in or around Richmond for the reception, segregation and treatment of indigent tubercular citizens of Richmond. Preference has up to this time been given to advanced cases, it being the object of the society to alleviate suffering and to remove from the community the sources of contagion.

The State hospital at Catawba is limited to incipient cases, where persons who are able to pay very moderate charges are received. There are no charges at Pine Camp, and no person is admitted who is able to pay his way in other institutions.

Pine Camp was formally opened December 1, 1910, and has been taxed to its capacity ever since.

Accept Incipient Cases.

While the original purpose was to admit advanced cases only, the management has determined to enlarge the scope of the work by making provision for the reception of incipient cases also. The Woman's Club of Glinter Park has provided \$2,500 toward a fund for a pavilion, which gift a member of the society has augmented by a donation of \$1,500.

The new pavilion is now under construction. It will cost about \$5,000, and when opened the capacity of the camp will be about doubled. Receipts of the association since organization amount to \$21,848.74, including \$5,000 appropriated by the City Council. The other receipts are from the contributions of 232 individuals, eight fraternal lodges, labor organizations, church societies and from the proceeds of entertainments and the sale of Red Cross stamps.

Will Double Capacity.

When the new pavilion is completed the society will have a plant representing an investment of \$17,500, not counting the land, with capacity for thirty-six patients. For the year just closed the cost per patient per day was 93 cents, which is lower than the cost of many other well-conducted institutions of like character. No officer of

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MYSTERY ENVELOPS MURDER OF STRANGER

Body of Unknown Man, With Bullet Hole in Heart, Found in Ravine Near Raleigh.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Raleigh, N. C., December 8.—Complete mystery envelops the discovery of an unknown murdered man found Saturday evening near Raleigh. A mill village south of the city, with a bullet hole through his heart and another through his left thigh. The body was viewed during the by a large number of people, none of whom could identify the man. Coroner S. E. Parks communicated with the makers of a suit of clothes the man was wearing, which had the mark "John Hoggan" inside the breast pocket, and found that the suit was made to measure by a Philadelphia firm, who shipped it to Knight & Bilboa, at Middlesex, on the Norfolk and Southern Railway, for

delivery to John Hoggan. No one knows anything of John Hoggan. The dead man was evidently a well-dressed mechanic, and it is believed that he was shot to death and his body carried a long distance to the ravine, where it was found half concealed in briars and an old bark sack, and with an old suit case, a whiskey bottle and pack of cards lying near.

A coroner's jury may be impaneled Monday or Tuesday to make special investigation, although Coroner S. E. Parks is as yet undecided about this. The murdered man appears to have been about forty years old, and it is thought that he must have been a stranger seeking employment with the Norfolk and Southern Railway force near the city.

CARTER SAYS CHARGE IS RESULT OF MALICE

Former Asheville Bank President, Under Indictment, Maintains Innocence.

EXPECTS FULL EXONERATION

Report as to Amount and Extent of Transactions Grossly Incorrect.

Muskogee, Okla., December 8.—John H. Carter, former president of the American National Bank of Asheville, N. C., indicted yesterday at Greensboro on the charge of misappropriation of the funds of the institution, maintains his innocence, declares the charge is the result of malice, and says the only question that ever came up between himself and associates in the bank was "an excess line of accommodation extended to a corporation."

Carter has been in Oklahoma for several days assisting in the organization of a trust company.

"I know nothing of the so-called charges," Carter said, "but the report as to the amount and character of the transactions is grossly incorrect. The only question that ever came up between me and my associates was about an excess line of accommodation extended to a corporation in which I was interested as a stockholder. The \$40,000 mentioned evidently refers to that line. I put up my personal collateral to secure that, and there has not been an open question or an unsettled item between me and the bank for nearly three years, and I continued to live in Asheville. I did not know that an investigation was being made. The charges, I am certain, are brought through malice of members of the bank's board, whom I tried to keep out of the bank."

Carter said he organized the company six years ago and owned the majority of the stock. He resigned in April, 1910, he said, against the wishes of the directors, and went to New York for a while.

Statement by Carter. Asheville, N. C., December 8.—John H. Carter, former president of the American National Bank of this city, in a telegraphic statement to the Citizen to-night, declared that the indictment against him by a Federal grand jury at Greensboro yesterday were not an indication of guilt, and that he would be fully exonerated from all charges of wilful wrongdoing in connection with his management of the Asheville bank.

Mr. Carter said in part: "Nearly three years have elapsed since the acts complained of in the indictment. I have continued to reside in Asheville, and during the period mentioned the directors, executive committee and stockholders of the American National Bank have held nearly 100 regular sessions and the

KATAHDIN BADLY DAMAGED.

Monitor Tallahassee Fires at Target Erected on Deck.

Norfolk, Va., December 8.—After badly damaging the ram Katahdin when she opened fire at a target erected on the deck of the old ship on Friday in Chesapeake Bay, the monitor Tallahassee returned to Norfolk to-day.

One shell from the Tallahassee is reported to have torn a big hole in the deck of the old ram. She will be towed back to the Norfolk Navy yard.

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